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Please see attached Response. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this case with you prior to the 3 month due date. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

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In Re Application of:

Pennington, *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 2334

Group Art Unit: 2881

Serial No.: 09/746,156

Examiner: Anthony G. Quash

Filed: December 22, 2000

Docket No. 061404-1090

For: Storage Vessels and Related Closure Methods

OFFICIAL**SECOND RESPONSE WITH AMENDMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding final Office Action mailed November 3, 2003 (Paper No. 6) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1-2, 5, 7, 10, 17, and 21 are amended; claims 13-16 and are canceled; and claim 24 is added. Claims 1-12, 17, and 24 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.